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SUBJ: SOGANG UNIVERSITY TAKES INFORMAL HOLIDAY AS STUDENT DISORDERS DRAG ON

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- 1. RUMORS SPREAD OF SPORADIC STUDENT DISORDERS AT SOGANG UNIVERSITY ON NOVEMBER 18. FR. SKILLINGSTAD, SOGANG'S PRESIDENT, CONFIRMED TO EMBOFF THAT "THERE HAD BEEN A FEW ERUPTIONS OF DISORDER" DURING WEEK NOVEMBER 12 THROUGH 18.
- 2. IN VIEW OF MINISTRY OF EDUCATION'S WARNING TO UNIVERSITY OF CONSEQUENCES IT WOULD IMPOSE IF DISORDERS CONTINUED, FR. SKILLINGSTAD SAID PROFESSORS HAD DECIDED TO TRY TO CALM CAMPUS ATMOSPHERE BY NOT (RPT NOT) TEACHING CLASSES FROM NOVEMBER 19 THROUGH 22. UNIVERSITY IS TECHNICALLY STILL OPEN: PROFESSORS HAVE ENCOURAGED STUDENTS TO STAY HOME, BUT THEY CAN COME ON CAMPUS IF THEY WISH.
- 3. IF INFORMAL "VACATION" PERIOD DOES NOT SUCCEED IN CALMING STUDENTS AND NEW DISORDERS BREAK OUT, IT IS PROBABLE THAT MINEDUCATION WILL FORMALLY CLOSE SCHOOL. SNEIDER

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